

BookTalk

CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

September 2009

September means 'Smartest Card'

Catawba County Library is promoting literacy through the Smartest Card campaign this month. The Smartest Card, of course, is your library card that allows you to check out books and audio/visual materials, but also lets you access a wealth of information without leaving your home or office.

Cardholders may place holds on materials through the website www.catawbacountync.gov/library. You can download books directly from the site for use on an MP3 player or personal computer. You can also access special research tools such as NCLive. Your library's



subscription allows free access to a host of data bases such as Learning Express Library, HeritageQuest, and most recently, Consumer Health Complete, TOPICsearch and the Science Reference Center.

Be sure to set up a PIN number. This will allow you to place a hold on library materials. Your card number (plus PIN) allows you to check your library account from home to see what you've checked out, what fees may have been applied and the status of your hold requests. This service also allows you to renew materials from home

Variety of how-to's offered this month

If you want to learn more about computing, parenting or tracing your heritage, you've come to the right place.

Catawba County Library System will offer free instruction on these topics and more in September. Offerings include how to use Word, job searching, Beginning Internet, Excel and using a Blackberry device. Details are on page 2.

If you're caring for an older parent, you may want to be part of the discussion at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at St. Stephens. Registration is not necessary.

Genealogy buffs will enjoy two free workshops at Southwest Branch. Librarian Kim Wetmore will show you how to start your family research at 3 p.m. Sept. 20.

Federal census records will be the topic at 3 p.m. Sept. 27. Call 294-2343 for further information.

Families with preschoolers will want to sit in on free story times held weekly at various branches. Family story time is held 6:30 p.m. Mondays in Newton.

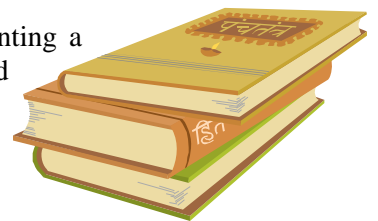
A free parenting workshop, You & Me Baby, begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Newton to help new mothers become better parents.

School-aged children will enjoy a book swap at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 at St. Stephens Branch Library. Curious George is coming at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, to Main Library. Children will usher in autumn there with a leaf rubbing craft at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 22.

Battle of the Books list available

The North Carolina Battle of the Books list has been released. Students in grades 5-8 will test their knowledge as they prepare for the contest by reading from a pre-selected book list from the N.C. School Library Media Association. The list offers good choices for kids whether they're competitors or not. The titles are highly regarded

children's literature representing a cross-section of subjects and genre. For a complete list, check any branch of the Catawba County Library System.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>For program details, contact your library branch.</i></p>	<p>CL=Claremont CN=Conover MD=Maiden NW=Newton ST=St. Stephens SF=Sherrills Ford SW=Southwest</p>	1	2 <u>Computer Forum</u> , 10 a.m. ST <u>Story time</u> , 10 a.m. CN, SF & SW; MD toddlers 9:30 am, preschool 10	3 <u>Story time</u> , 10 a.m, ST; NW (police dog visit) <u>GED Classes</u> 6-8 p.m. SW	4	5
	6	7 Labor Day Library Closed 	8 <u>Kids' Book Swap</u> , 6:30 p.m. ST	9 <u>Story time</u> , 10 a.m. CN, SF & SW; MD toddlers 9:30 am, preschool 10 a.m.	10 <u>Story time</u> , 10 a.m., NW, ST <u>GED Classes</u> 6-8 p.m. SW	11 <u>Intro to Word</u> , 10 a.m. MD <u>Job Searching</u> , 10 a.m. SF <u>Future Trend Dialog Group</u> , 10 a.m. SW
13	14 <u>Friends of the Library</u> , 11 a.m. NW <u>Caring for Aging Parents</u> , 4 p.m. ST <u>Family story time</u> , 6:30 p.m. NW	15 <u>Beginning Internet</u> , 6 p.m. ST <u>Knitting Up Fiction</u> , "13th Tale," 6:30 p.m., SW <u>Friends of Library</u> , 6:30 p.m. SF	16 <u>Story time</u> , SF & SW 10 a.m., MD toddlers 9:30 am, preschool 10 a.m. <u>You & Me Baby</u> , 10 a.m. NW <u>Curious George visit</u> , 4:30 p.m. NW	17 <u>Story time</u> , 10 a.m. ST; NW (Curious George) <u>Music</u> : 10 a.m. SF <u>Tell a Tall Tale</u> , 3:30 p.m. MD <u>Music Makers</u> , 4:30 p.m., ST <u>GED Classes</u> 6-8 p.m. SW	18 <u>Excel</u> , 10 a.m. SW <u>Game Night</u> , 3:30 p.m. NW	19 <u>Teen Advisory Board</u> , 2 p.m. NW
20 <u>Beginning Genealogy</u> , 3 p.m. SW	21 <u>Family story time</u> , 6:30 p.m. NW <u>Job Searching</u> , 6 p.m. CN	22 <u>Blackberry Class</u> , 4:30 p.m. NW <u>Leaf Prints</u> , 4:30 p.m. NW <u>Job Searching</u> , 6 p.m. ST	23 <u>Story time</u> , SF & SW 10 a.m., MD toddlers 9:30 am, preschool 10	24 <u>Story time</u> , 10 a.m. NW, ST <u>Music</u> : 10 a.m. SF; <u>GED Classes</u> 6-8 p.m. SW	25 <u>Intro to Computers</u> , 10 a.m. SW	26
27 <u>Using US Census Records</u> , 3 p.m. SW	28 <u>Family story time</u> , 6:30 p.m. NW	29 <u>Friends of Library</u> , 6 p.m. CL <u>Hooks with Books</u> discussion, 6:30 p.m. ST	30 <u>Story time</u> , SF & SW 10 a.m., MD toddlers 9:30 am, preschool 10			Sign up for GED Classes at CVCC. Please pre-register for computer classes at the individual library branch.